

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action, Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, dated May 3, 2005 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendments to the application have been made in consequence thereof. Claims 1, 3-23 and 25-27 remain active in this application.

The Examiner noted that all amendments to the claims are not identified by markings. Applicants have added the term "dimple", as originally filed in claim 1, to amended claim 1; corrected the term "and" to read "end", as originally filed in claim 3, in amended claim 3; and added the term "body", as originally filed in claim 9, to original claim 9 so that the claims as shown on the Listing of Claims herein are correctly delineated and identified. Claims 1, 3, 17, 23 and 25 were amended and marked as "Currently Amended" in the amendment document filed on 4 February 2005. Claims 2 and 24 were canceled and marked as "Canceled", and claims 4-16, 18-22, and 26 and 27 are original and marked as "Original" in the amendment document filed on 4 February 2005.

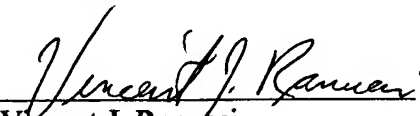
It appears that this amendment corrects the deficiency noted by Examiner, and that withdrawal of the notice of non-compliance is in order and is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that Claims 1, 3-23, and 25-27 in this application are allowable and Notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner wish to contact Applicant's attorney regarding this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to do so by calling or writing the undersigned in the Office of Counsel, U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center, Natick, MA 01760 at (508) 233-4510.

Respectfully submitted,

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